

Books

**Allegory & Freud
In Neanderthalia**

THE INHERITORS. William Golding. Harcourt, Brace and World, Inc. \$4.50. 233 Pages.

By W. H. SCARBOROUGH

Readers have become leery of historical novels as a result of that avalanche of incredibly poor pot-boilers which hit the market after World War II. It is not unusual, then, that a book such as this should be warily circled and sniffed before it is tasted. For in setting, at least, it is prehistoric. A very few pages suffice in the discovery that the setting, the people, the events are irrelevancies insofar as what Golding is writing about.

The last eight Neanderthal men are following their way to doom along the path of a tradition, half instinct, half nebulous thought. They are a gentle lot—playful, free of inhibition, fatally interdependent. The disappearance of a log over a spring torrent requires the concerted thought of everyone in its explanation. They have left their wintering grounds by the sea to seek the ease and bountiful food of their summer range. The elder of the group has perhaps started them on the journey too early, for it is cold. Food is scarce and they must eat meat, to which they are unaccustomed and of which they are afraid. Their deity, such as it is, frowns upon eating meat unadorned of blood. The fire on which they depend for warmth is carried in a loaf of wet clay, since they have no means of starting another. That which they have "fell from the sky."

Scarcely have they attained the cave which they and forgotten generations before them have used as summer quarters before a new people who stand upright, with high, grotesque foreheads begin to decimate them. First, the old man who keeps their small hoard of wisdom and tradition dies from the rigors of the

**An Indifferent Pile
Of American Satire**

AMERICAN SATIRE IN PROSE AND VERSE. Edited by Henry C. Carlisle, Jr. Random House. \$6.95. 404 Pages.

By W. H. SCARBOROUGH

As nations tend to favor certain weapons above others for personal combat, so is the national flavor of satire mounted on cultural concepts of wit. The English longbow find its counterpart in the barbs of Pope and Johnson; the French, partial to spears and rapiers, found Voltaire, Moliere and a host of others equally to the point. Italian stiletos flash in the dark, supplanted now and then by a cup of cold poison.

But if we are to take the testimony of this collection, the bulk of Americans put their trust in bludgeons, canes, damp macaroni and birdshot.

Although a significant minority of American satirists have adapted foreign weaponry to local use, and a very few have contrived highly original variants, they are swamped between these covers.

Dorothy Parker, James Thurber, Robert Benchley, H. L. Mencken, E. B. White, Wolcott Gibbs in our own century, Mark Twain in the nineteenth, are present, but outnumbered. There have been native wits who could flesh pretension and puncture fatuity on the same footing with anyone in the world, but they have left it to others to record their sallies and Mr. Carlisle is not a recorder.

The mordant wit of a Voltaire or a Swift crossed the Atlantic in leaden casks, and epigrams, with notable exceptions, almost weren't imported at all.

Mr. Carlisle's anthology omits parody, though this may be a matter of necessity, and thereby excludes a number of fine satirists. Peter DeVriess's splendid

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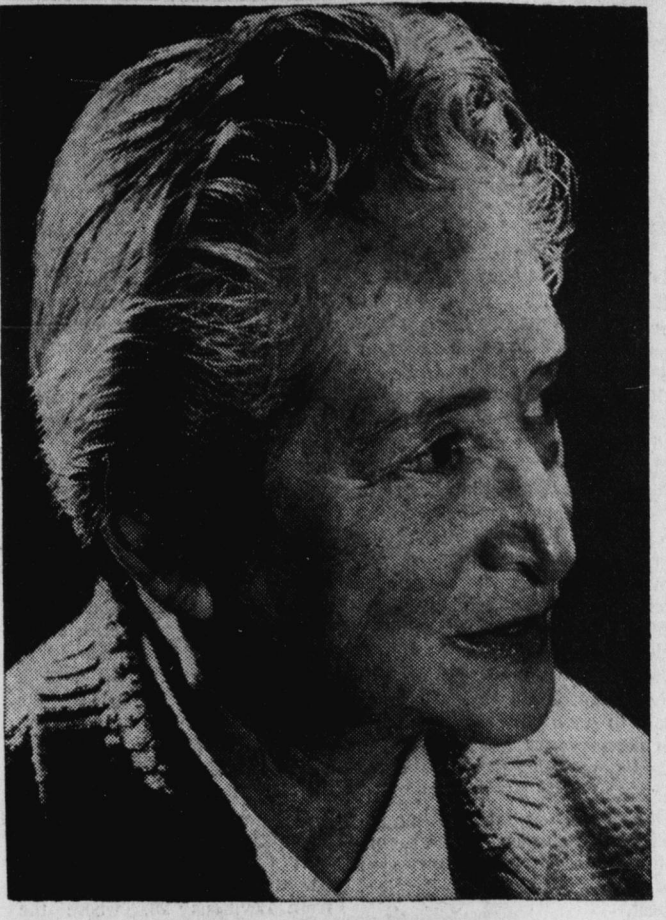
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AUTHOR OF 'REUNION IN MOSCOW'

**An Intimate Look
At The Soviet Mind**

REUNION IN MOSCOW. Markoosha Fischer. Harper & Row. 240 Pages. \$5.00.

By CRAIG SMITH

These days almost anyone who spends a few weeks in Russia as a tourist considers himself qualified to write a book on the subject. Markoosha Fischer, however, has several advantages over most American tourists. A native-born Russian, she easily passed in Moscow as just another out-of-towner; she lived in Moscow during the 20's and 30's, giving her solid grounds for comparison with the past; she has many old friends in Moscow with whom she talked intimately and through whom she met other Russians from many walks of life.

Mrs. Fischer left Russia in 1939, utterly disillusioned with the Bolshevik regime she had once supported, having seen one after another of her friends shot, imprisoned, or exiled in Siberia. She returned in 1960 for the first time, curious to see if and how the Russians had changed since she lived among them. Here, set down in informal, often disjointed style, are her observations from talking to old friends and new acquaintances, children and chambermaids, shopkeepers and scientists.

Wherever she went—to friends' homes, to the theater, to Boris Pasternak's funeral, to exhibits, or just to sit in the park, she kept her eyes and ears open and was ready to talk with anyone. She introduces a number of typical characters—a divorced couple who continue to live together—with their in-laws—because separate apartments are impossible to find; a returnee from exile whose family, health and career had been ruined by years in Siberia; a group of university-educated students who hadn't heard of Trotsky's death; a college professor who asked endless questions about freedom in America.

On the contemporary scene, much of the best satire would appear to be journalistic in origin. Eric Sevareid, James Reston, Art Buchwald—certainly their work is the most widely consumed and appreciated, but we still wonder at the whereabouts of Richard H. Rovere.

Perhaps Americans are still too self-conscious to turn out humorous ridicule. The bulk of the selections included here carry a heavy burden of anger that becomes neither author nor writing.

But it would be wrong to dismiss American satire on the weight of this evidence. It is more likely that Mr. Carlisle has edited an indifferent anthology.

**Membership Drive
Begun By Library**

The Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library have announced their 1962-63 membership drive in a Newsletter to old and new users of the library.

The 'Friends' is an organization of interested townspeople who support the activities and aims of the library by their time and contributions. Last year they contributed \$950 to purchase new books.

Individual membership is \$1, associate \$5, donor \$10 and patron \$25 and can be mailed to Harold Walters, treasurer, 115 W. Franklin St., or left at the library desk.

In spite of gifts and awards such as the Dorothy Cantfield Fisher Award of last year, the library has less than half of the number of volumes recommended for a community of this size and needs continued support.

CHURCH MEETING
The women of the Presbyterian Church will hold their monthly luncheon meeting on Monday, Nov. 12. Mrs. Larry Isbell will be the speaker.

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BILLY ARTHUR

After making four car-pool trips to Estes Hill in a single day, Mrs. Bill Friday was bushed.

"I feel as if I've been in the car all day," said she. "People used to think that only the under-privileged rode school buses. But I hope today's children who ride school buses appreciate how privileged their parents are."

Our intelligence department in New York reports that an ingenious manufacturer has come out with a hair tonic called "That Greasy Kid Stuff" and is selling it as fast as he can produce it.

Tony Jenzano is asking people if they know the definition of a bigamist.

"It's a dense fog in Italy," he adds.

Our West Franklin Street reporter tells of a post-football game drunk who got in a Tar Heel cab at George Barclay's filling station and asked to be taken to the Carolina Theatre.

The driver opened the door and said, "Come on, fellow, get out. You're right at it."

And the drunk staggered out and said, "Next time, don't drive so fast."

Overheard in the Rat:

"He's the kind of a fellow who borrows money to buy beer and then drinks it for courage to borrow."

Ruth Faison Shaw has added a third gold fish to her pond already occupied by two named Mr. and Mrs. Billy Arthur.

And she has named the new-comer Jealous Lover.

A pre-election story going the rounds among Orange County Democrats was about two birds flying high over Chapel Hill. One asked, "Who you gonna vote for?"

And the other said, "Blackwell Robinson, because he's for us."

The Republicans got hold of it and inserted Horace Kornegay's name.

This report from Parkwood sounds like a joke, but I'll pass it on. Seems as if a lady was bathing early one afternoon, and the door bell rang persistently. She rushed to the door dripping wet and called, "Who is it." The answer came, "The blind man." She figured as long as the man was blind there was no need for precaution, so she opened the door and the man asked, "Where you want your blinds, lady?"

With Thanksgiving coming there are many things for which to be thankful. Most important is to be glad you're not a turkey.

Come to think of it, why doesn't someone cross turkeys with kangaroos so you can stuff them from the outside?

**Palmatier Nemed
As RTI Governor**

Everett D. Palmatier, professor and chairman of the Department of Physics at the University, last week was named to the North Carolina Research Triangle Institute's Board of Governors.

Dr. Palmatier's appointment to the board came at a Research Triangle Institute annual meeting. Others joining the 25 man Board are W. Bailey Sellars, vice president of research and development, Burlington Industries, Greensboro; and Herbert T. Randall, former vice president of research and engineering and now director and consultant of Champion Papers, Inc., Hamilton, Ohio.

George Watts Hill, chairman of the board, said, "The extensive research these three men bring to the Board will be invaluable to the Institute's continuing efforts to expand its role of service to industry and government."

Dr. Palmatier, an expert in cosmic ray research, joined the faculty of UNC in 1949 and has been chairman of the department since 1956. He is the author of numerous technical papers and has participated in Atomic Energy Commission cosmic ray research expeditions on Mt. Mitchell and on White Mountain in California.

A native of Winnipeg, Canada, Dr. Palmatier attended Manitoba University from which he received a B.S. degree in physics and chemistry in 1938. He received a Ph.D. degree from Cornell University.

**UNC Faculty Club
To Hear Pearsall**

Thomas J. Pearsall of Rocky Mount, a member of the University board of trustees executive committee, will address the Faculty Club here Tuesday at 1 p.m.

"An opportunity of the University for Rededication and Leadership" will be Mr. Pearsall's subject.

He recently headed a committee of trustees and University officials who went to California to study the state-controlled system of higher education and community colleges. He served in the General Assembly and was author of the "Pearsall Plan" relating to school assignment laws following the Supreme Court decision in 1954 on school segregation.

A graduate of the University and its Law School, he also holds the Honorary LL.D. degree.

The meeting will be held at the Faculty Club. Luncheon is served from 12 noon. The program, presided over by Professor John Kunsmann of the Germanic Languages Department, will begin at 1 p.m.

**Grant Johannesen
Performs Tuesday**

The second presentation of the Chapel Hill Concert Series will be a piano recital by Grant Johannesen Tuesday evening in Memorial Hall at 8.

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**Ethridge To Join
Journalism Staff**

Mark Ethridge, chairman of the board of the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times, will join the staff of the UNC School of Journalism next September, William B. Aycock, Chancellor of the University, and Norval Neil Luxon, Dean of the School of Journalism, announced today.

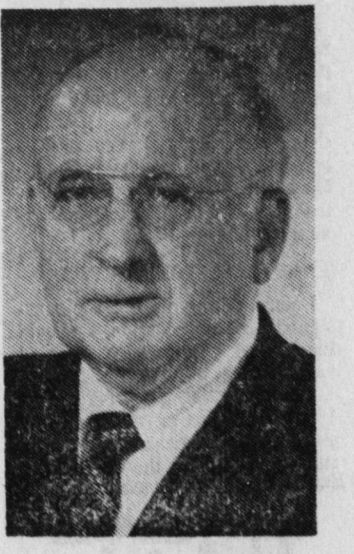
He will teach one course, Newspaper Management, each semester and will lecture in other journalism classes and at institutes and short courses held under the sponsorship of the School of Journalism. He will also be available for consultation by students and staff members.

The Ethridges plan to build a home on acreage they have purchased some twenty miles from Chapel Hill.

"We are most fortunate in being able to add such a distinguished publisher to our staff," Dean Luxon said. "Mr. Ethridge's long experience in all phases of newspaper work on small and large newspapers in Mississippi, Georgia, Virginia, New York, the District of Columbia, and Kentucky will afford our students an unusual opportunity to study under one of the acknowledged leaders in the newspaper profession."

Mr. Ethridge has spoken a number of times on the Chapel Hill campus before academic and newspaper audiences, most recently in October, 1960, at the dedication of Howell Hall, home of the School of Journalism.

In addition to his newspaper work, Mr. Ethridge has served the government in various capacities including a 1945 visit to the Balkans for the State Department,



MARK ETHRIDGE

ment, American delegate on a United Nations Commission to Study Greek Border Disputes in 1947, American representative on the Palestine Conciliation Commission, and as chairman of the U. S. Advisory Commission on Information, 1948-1950. He is a trustee of the Ford Foundation.

Mr. Ethridge's newspaper career began on the Meridian (Miss.) Star in 1913. Later he was a reporter on the Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer Sun; city editor and managing editor, Macon (Ga.) Telegraph; with the New York Sun and Consolidated Press, 1933; Assistant General Manager, Washington Post, 1933-1934; publisher Richmond Times-Dispatch, 1934-1936, and Courier-Journal and Louisville Times, since 1936.

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Colin W. Bell, national Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, and internationally recognized as a leader in Quaker search for non-violent resolutions of the tensions between nations and people, will be principle speaker at the annual meeting of the AFSC's southeastern region, to be held here next Saturday.

Claude Shotts, chairman of the regional Executive Committee will preside. B. Tartt Bell, the executive secretary for the southeastern region, will also deliver a major address. He will speak on "The Service Committee's Role in the Region."

Mr. Bell will speak on "The AFSC's Response to International Crises."—A discussion period will follow his presentation.

A native of Liverpool, England, Mr. Bell has just returned to this country after a two-months' trip to Europe, the Middle-east, and Africa (including Algeria and the sub-Saharan region). While abroad, he visited with high officials of government and consulted with AFSC staff on the organization's on going programs in foreign lands.

He has been a staff member of the American Friends Service committee since 1946, and associated with work of the Society of Friends in a professional capacity since 1943. He served as associate secretary of the foreign service section of the AFSC in 1948, after which he served for two years as administrator of the AFSC work with refugees in the Gaza strip.

From 1950-1955, he was director of Quaker International center in Geneva, Switzerland and represented the Friends world committee at the United Nations European headquarters in Geneva. He was associate executive secretary of the AFSC from 1955 to 1959, when he became national executive secretary.

The annual meeting of the region will be held at the Community Church beginning at 11 a.m. The program will include a panel discussion on "Education for World Peace," and a panel discussion on "New Frontiers in Race Relations." The meeting will adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

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